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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 1,

Line 25, "arrange" should read -- arranges --.

Column 8,

Line 36, "down stream" should read -- downstream --.

Line 60, "is" should read -- are --.

Column 9,

Line 66, "loner" should read -- longer --.

Column 11,

Line 15, "and the" should read -- and --.

Line 46, "sheets" should read -- sheet --.

Line 62, "jerkily, there" should read -- jerkily. There --.

Column 12,

Line 32, "upward" should read -- upward of --.

Column 14,

Line 7, "descend" should read -- descent --.

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Column 15,

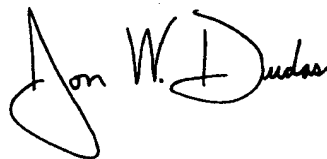
Line 59, "when said sheet conveying guide" should be deleted.

Column 18,

Line 14, "in" should read -- in a --.

Signed and Sealed this

Eleventh Day of July, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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